

FIRST IN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

First Medal of Honor recipient	Sergeant Maynard Smith
Last US serviceman to engage in ground combat South East Asia	CMSgt Wayne Fisk
-- First Air Force enlisted recipient of the US Jaycees	
-- Ten Outstanding Young Men of America	
-- First director of the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall	
-- 2 Silver Stars for Pararescue actions in South East Asia	
-- First Enlisted Inducted into Gathering of Eagles program	
First woman in the Air Force	Esther Blake
First female CMSgt	Chief Grace Peterson
First enlisted pilot	Vernon Burge
First Enlisted AF Combat Action Medal	MSgt Byron Allen
	SSgt Daniel Paxton
	SMSgt Ramon Colon-Lopez
	MSgt Charlie Peterson
First enlisted to test parachute	Ralph Bottriel
Last enlisted pilot in AF	George Holmes
First Airman killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom	SSgt Scott Sather
First Air Force enlisted female death in Operation Iraqi Freedom	A1C Elizabeth Jacobson
First person to fly over 15,000 hrs in a C-141	CMSgt Lewis Fountain
First human supersonic ejection	TSgt James Howell
First enlisted flight systems operator	SSgt Lloyd Evans
Enlisted crew mbrs of the 1 st Cross Continental Bomber Flight	SSgt AB Jewell
First female chief to retire w/30 yrs of service	SSgt KT Wiedekamp
First enlisted Airman	CMSgt Dorothy Holmes
First African American Enlisted Pilot	Corporal Edward Ward
First Enlisted Navigator	Eugene Bullard
First enlisted woman to fly in a combat situation	Sgt Elmer Horey
First female Combat Aerial Videographer	SrA Lisa Wilson
First female survival instructor	SSgt Joan Young
First Air Force female enlisted tactical combat convoy commander	SrA Jessica Birdsley
First enlisted person to die in an accident in a military aircraft	TSgt Kathy Shaw
-- First enlisted person to have an Air Force Base Named after him	Corporal Frank Scott
First CMSAF	CMSgt Paul Airey
-- First to receive the Air Force POW Medal	
First victory recorded during the Korean War (shot down a North Korean YaK-3)	SSgt Nyle S Mickley

Scored the first B-29 victory over a jet by downing a MiG-15	Corporal Harry LaVene
First Air Force enlisted member to die in South Vietnam	SSgt Milo B. Coghill
First of only two confirmed shoot downs of MIG Fighter by enlisted Airmen during the Vietnam War	SSgt Samuel Turner
First American to shoot down 5 Aircraft in WWI	Private Frederick Libby
First Aerial Gunner with 2 MIG Kills	Sgt Billie Beach
First Fighter Pilot	Former Sgt Dean Lamb
First American to receive the Badge of Military Merit/Purple Heart	Sgt Elijah Churchill
First American Pilot shot down in war	Sgt Ivy Baldwin
- First Balloonist during Spanish-American War	
First person to eject from an aircraft using an ejection seat	First Sgt Lawrence Lambert
First enlisted Flight Systems Operator	SSgt Lloyd B. Evans
First Female Chief in Florida ANG	CMSgt Karin Porter
First Female allowed to wear NCO uniform and Early Female aviator	Ruth Law
First Commander of Edwards AFB, CA	MSgt Harley Fogleman
First Person to fly around the world backwards	A1C Eugene Preiss
First person to simulate a trip to the moon	A1C Donald Farrell
First U.S. Crew Chief of a MIG-15 Aircraft	MSgt Curtis Jackson
First enlisted man to re-enlist while airborne	MSgt Cecil Curtis
First ANG aviator	Private Beckwith Havens
First African American MSgt	MSgt Ellsworth Dansby
First Enlisted recipient of the NAACP Roy Wilkins Meritorious Service Award	CMSgt Thomas J. Williams
First American Balloon Builder	Sgt Peter Carnes
First Female Commandant AFSNCOA	CMSgt Pamela Derrow
First Enlisted Commandant ANG NCOA	CMSgt Paul Lankford
-- Bataan Death March Survivor POW WWII	
First Female MAJCOM CCM	CMSgt Vicki Mauldin
First Female Commandant FSA	CMSgt Sandy Williams
First Enlisted Commandant AFSNCOA	CMSgt bobby G. Renfroe
First Enlisted Member to Earn a PHD	CMSgt John H. Hatcher
First Former Enlisted Member to Become CSAF	General Larry D. Welch
First Former Enlisted Member to Become President	President George W. Bush
First Retired Enlisted Member to Receive The Order of the Sword	CMSAF (Ret) Richard Kisling
First Enlisted POW in Vietnam	A2C William Robinson
First Enlisted Airmen to be Awarded the Air Force Cross	A2C William A. Robinson
	A3C Arthur N. Black
First Female Enlisted Gunner Fixed Wing	SrA Susannah M. Slaughter